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To: Supervisor Don Knabe, Chairman  
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From:   
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**SACRAMENTO UPDATE**

**Governor Releases California Performance Review Report**

The Governor on Tuesday, August 3, 2004, released the report of a task force of State employees that is intended as the first step in a process to modernize and streamline state government that the Governor called for in his inaugural address. The report, which is over 2,000 pages long and includes some 279 recommendations, is available at [www.cpr.ca.gov](http://www.cpr.ca.gov). While most of the recommendations only affect state government, a number of them are likely to impact the County. Departments have been asked to review and comment on these so that the County can actively participate in the process. The attachment contains the issues that we have tentatively identified as impacting the County that CAO and department staff will be closely examining.

The Governor has appointed a 21-member commission to review the task force report, hold hearings around the state, and recommend to him which task force proposals he should pursue through administrative action or legislation. The commission will hold its first hearing on Friday, August 13, on the infrastructure, resource preservation and environmental protection proposals in the task force report. The hearing will be held in the University Lecture Hall at the University of California, Riverside from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Subsequent hearings will be on August 20 in San Diego, August 27 in Fresno, September 10 in San Jose, and September 17 in Long Beach. The agenda and issues for those meetings have not been announced, but we will provide that information when it becomes available. The hearings will consist primarily of testimony by panels of invited "experts". However, there will be an opportunity for public testimony at the end of each hearing.

While much was made at the media announcement about the claim that these recommendations could save the State more than \$31 billion over the next five years, the fact is just 12 of the 279 recommendations account for over \$26 billion of the savings. The principal savings recommendations include:

\$8.2 billion from maximizing the State's "share" of federal funds.

\$4.0 billion from consolidating at the state level the eligibility determination process for Medi-Cal, Food Stamps and CalWORKs along the lines of the Healthy Families Program and utilizing outside contractors.

\$3.3 billion from workforce planning that will allow for the hiring of fewer State employees.

\$2.7 billion from delaying the entry of children into kindergarten.

\$1.9 billion from a new use based fee for highway usage.

\$1.2 billion from collecting vehicle license fees on a biennial basis.

\$1.0 billion from making the purchase of lottery tickets more attractive.

\$1.0 billion from increasing out-of-state higher education tuition rates.

\$1.0 billion from performance based contracting.

### **Pursuit of County Position on Legislation**

**AB 858 (Goldberg)**, as amended on June 30, 2004, establishes the California Racial Mascots Act which would prohibit public schools from using the term 'Redskins' as a school or athletic team name, mascot, or nickname beginning January 1, 2006. The bill exempts schools with enrollment boundaries that include a portion of Indian reservations provided that the tribe having regulatory jurisdiction over the territory within the school's enrollment boundaries has authorized the use of the team name, mascot or nickname. AB 858 authorizes a school to continue to use uniforms or materials bearing the term 'Redskins' purchased prior to January 1, 2006 if specified conditions are met.

The Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations indicates that the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) passed a resolution in 1997 stating that "the use of American Indian mascot names and images in schools evokes negative images that become deeply imbedded in the minds of students, depicting American Indians in inaccurate, stereotypic, and often violent manners". The resolution mandated that the use of such names be eliminated. In 1998, a federal judge upheld the resolution and such names are no longer in use within LAUSD. The Commission indicates that the bill is a necessary step to begin to respect the indigenous people of this State, and recommends that the County support AB 858, and we concur.

Support for AB 858 is consistent with existing County policy to support legislation to reduce hate crimes, increase human relations education and training, and increase communities' capacity to address intergroup relations issues in a positive way. **Therefore, our Sacramento representatives will support AB 858.** This measure is currently pending a vote on the Senate Floor.

**SB 1089 (Johnson)**, as amended on July 8, 2004, would require the State Water Resources Control Board to give favorable consideration to projects that 1) address public health problems or water pollution, 2) are necessary to comply with regulatory requirements, 3) promote water recycling projects, 4) prevent water quality degradation, 5) or comply with administrative enforcement orders.

Currently, the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) provides loans at one half the market interest rate to local agencies for construction of wastewater treatment plants, local sewers, sewer interceptors, water reclamation facilities, pollution control for nonpoint sources, stormwater drainage, and estuary cleanup. It is the practice of the SWRCB to give priority to projects that address public health problems and water pollution, are necessary to comply with regulatory requirements, water recycling projects, or projects that prevent water quality degradation. SB 1089 codifies this practice and adds projects that comply with administrative enforcement orders.

According to the County Department of Public Works (DPW), SB 1089 would help fund County projects designed to comply with Total Maximum Daily Loads standards. Typical projects include catch basin screens, inserts and other trash catchment devices, low flow diversions, and multi-use facilities. These projects will improve water quality in the Los Angeles River, Ballona Creek, Santa Monica Bay, and San Gabriel River watersheds. Therefore, DPW recommends that the County support SB 1089, and we concur. Support of SB 1089 is consistent with existing Board policy to support increased funding for environmental protection programs and capital projects. **Therefore, our Sacramento advocates will support SB 1089.**

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SB 1089 passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee on August 4, 2004 by a vote of 21 to 0, and will now go to the Assembly Floor.

According to the author's office, the City of Laguna Beach supports SB 1089. There is no opposition.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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#### Attachment

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        All Department Heads  
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        Coalition of County Unions  
        California Contract Cities Association  
        Independent Cities Association  
        League of California Cities  
        City Managers Associations  
        Buddy Program Participants

## CALIFORNIA PERFORMANCE REVIEW ISSUES

DEPARTMENT	ISSUE #	ISSUE
Assessor	GG 19	Aircraft Assessment
Auditor	GG 32	Reform State Mandate Process
Beaches and Harbors	RES 28	Consolidate Administration of Water and Park Bond Grants
CDC	INF 21	Three-year Limit on Housing Funds
CSA	HHS 3	State to Contract Out for Child Support Collection
DCFS	HHS 2	Realign Health and Human Service Program
DCFS	HHS 6	Foster Care: Criminal Background Checks
DCFS	HHS 9	Foster Care: Privatize Adoption
DHS	HHS 1	Consolidate Health and Human Service Program Eligibility Determination
DHS	HHS 2	Realign Health and Human Service Program
DHS	HHS 12	Public Health Contracting
DHS	HHS 14	HIV Reporting
DHS	HHS 29	DSH Program Changes
DHS	HHS 15	Consolidate Alcohol and Drug with Mental Health
DPSS	HHS 1	Consolidate Health and Human Service Program Eligibility Determination
DPSS	HHS 2	Realign Health and Human Service Program
DPSS	HHS 4	Reform Child Care
DPSS	HHS 7	Child Care Quality Improvement
DPW	INF 13	Transfer State Roads to Local Agencies
DPW	INF 23	Abolish State Waste Management Board
DPW	INF 27	Change Funding for Separated Grade Crossings
MH	HHS 2	Realign Health and Human Service Program
MH	HHS 15	Consolidate Alcohol and Drug with Mental Health
MH	HHS 17	Eliminate City-Run Mental Health Programs
Parks	RES 28	Consolidate Administration of Water and Park Bond Grants
Parks	RES 12	Restructure State and Regional Land Conservancies
Regional Planning	INF 35	Infrastructure Planning/Coordination with Local Agencies
Regional Planning	INF 37	Environmental Review Process
Regional Planning	RES 12	Restructure State and Local Land Conservancies
Sheriff	SO 13	Create Statewide Radio Network

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## CAO ISSUES

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